

QA-292  
Rubsamen House  
Crumpton  
Private

late 19th century

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rubsamen House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side of Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Crumpton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

## PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Karl P. Rubsamen

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Crumpton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21628

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: ASG Jr. 15

Folio #: 222

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This small two story dwelling house stands on the east side of Broad Street in Crumpton. It was evidently built in three stages. The original section, facing the street, is constructed of an unusual form of locally made concrete blocks, similar to the small two story house adjacent to the Hotel across Broad Street. The concrete block walls are rendered with two layers of stucco and the outer layer is rusticated to imitate carefully laid stone masonry. This part of the house is nearly square, 14 1/2 feet wide and 15 feet deep, with a standing seam hip roof. A one story open porch with square chamfered posts stretches across the front facade and the south gable wall, butting against the projecting wall of the rear addition.

The principal facade, facing the street, has a central entrance door with sidelights and transom flanked by 2/2 windows on each side. A single 2/2 window is centered on the second floor. On both gable walls there are 2/2 windows centered on each floor, and on the north gable an interior stove chimney rises to the right of the windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

Scrolled fascia boards on the porch and the second floor eave are the only exterior decorative elements.

To the rear of the stucco section is a two story frame addition with a shed roof. The north wall of this addition is flush with the front section, but the south wall projects sufficiently to allow a secondary entrance to open onto the side porch. There are two 6/6 windows on each floor on the north wall, and a single 6/6 on each floor on the south wall. Two later one story lean-to additions cover the majority of the rear wall.

The interior of the original house consists of a single room on each floor. Originally there was a stair in the northeast corner of the building, but this was taken out when the first addition was made, replaced by a larger stair in the adjoining wing. The window and door openings are trimmed with Victorian architrave moldings; paneling below the sidelights of the front door has Victorian panel molds. The stove chimney on the north wall is a later insertion, probably replacing an original chimney on the rear wall. A door in the northeast corner of the rear wall leads to the frame addition.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

This section of the house also comprises a single room, with an enclosed straight-run stair on the west wall. An Eastlake mantel on the east wall is the only attempt at decoration. A door in the southeast corner of this addition leads to the rear lean-to, which serves as a kitchen and bath.

The second floor is relatively simple. The windows and doors in the front room have beaded trim; two sections of original beaded baseboard remain. A seam in the floor indicates the original stair location in the northeast corner. The ceiling in the rear addition is very low, sloping from 6 feet 3 inches at the front to 5 feet 10 inches at the rear. Now a single room, scars in the floor indicate that earlier non-bearing partition walls previously divided this space into two small bedrooms and a hall.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

5/7/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

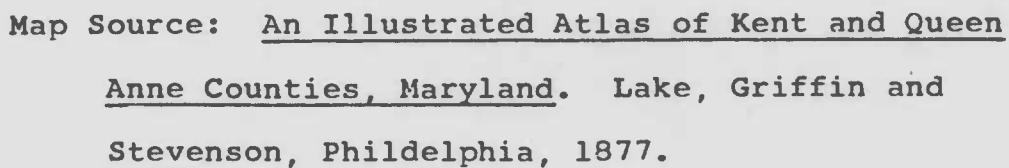
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Map Source: An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Maryland. Lake, Griffin and Stevenson, Philidelphia, 1877.





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Stucco House in Crumpton  
Crumpton, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1979  
Front view



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Stucco House in Crumpton  
Crumpton, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1979  
Rear view